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1. GOVERNOR B K NEHRU ORCHESTRATED AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY OF
MASS SURRENDER IN NAGALAND AUGUST 16. ABOUT ONE THOUSAND NAGA
FORMER GUERRILLAS PUBLICLY DECLARED THEIR FAITH IN THE INDIAN
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CONSTITUTION ANDMORE IMPORTANTLY TURNED OVER THEIR WEAPONS TO
THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES. NAGALAND CHIEF MINISTER SEMA USED THE

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OCCASION TO ASK FOR MORE CENTRAL FUNDS TO SPEND ON THE "REHABILITATION" (I.E., PROVISION OF LAND AND CASH GRANTS) OF THE FORMER REBELS.

2. COMMENT: NAGA REBELS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO THREE MAJOR GROUPS FOR SOME TIME (SEE CALCUTTA A09 OF MARCH 8, 1972). TWO OF THE GROUPS--THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND (RGN) AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT--HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED THATTHEY WERE PREPARED TO REACH A SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND THUS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST 31, 1972 GOI BAN ON UNDERGROUND GROUPS (CALCUTTA A-33 OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1972). IT IS ONE OF THESE GROUPS, THE RGN, WHICH TOOK PART IN THE CEREMONY. THE MOVE HAS SIGNIFICANCE AS THE RGN WAS AN IMPORTANT REBEL GROUP (ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MANY OF PARTICIPANTS ACTUALLY CAME FROM UNDERGROUND TO SURRENDER; OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN OVERGROUND FOR SOME TIME). HOWEVER, THE MAJOR AND ONLY CONSISTENTLY HARDLINE GROUP, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND LED BY THE EXILED PHIZO HAS SHOWN NO SIGNS OF GIVING UP THE BATTLE OR OF MODIFYING ITS MAJOR DEMAND OF COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE. NEVERTHELESS, WE SEE IT TOO AS HAVING LIMITED CAPABILITY TO CAUSE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT (REFTEL). THIS SURRENDER SIGNIFIES A FURTHER GAIN FOR THE DUAL GOI POLICY OF CARROT AND STICK. THE CARROT OF REHABILITATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND THE STICK OF CONTINUING MEASURED VIOLENCE USED AGAINST THE HOLD-OUTS.
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